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Travel agent held in Iran coming home

Rabia Nassry said Tuesday she expects her husband home next week — 2½ years after he was jailed in Iran. Afghan-born Zia Nassry, a naturalized American, was turned over Saturday to the Swiss Embassy in Tehran by Iran after extensive negotiations.

A New York City travel agent, Nassry was arrested in Tehran by Revolutionary Guards on March 11, 1980, and accused of spying for the CIA. Nassry was en route to Pakistan, where he was helping Afghan rebels fight the Soviets in Afghanistan.

"I just don't believe that it is over, I just can't believe it," Mrs. Nassry said. "I want to thank the Iranian mission to the United Nations because without them, my husband would never have gotten out."

Reported by Timothy Kenny